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SUBJECT: KORNIYENKO COMMENTS ON SECRETARY'S OECD SPEECH

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1. IN MEETING WITH DEPUTY FONMIN KORNIYENKO JULY 2, I PASSED ON A COPY OF SECRETARY'S JUNE 21 ADDRESS TO OECD. REFERRING TO MY INSTRUCTIONS, I SAID WE INTENDED THE EAST-WEST PORTION OF THE SPEECH TO BE A POSITIVE INITIATIVE, AND HOPED IT WOULD LAUNCH CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF TRADE ISSUES IN THE U.S. AND IN INTERNATIONAL FORA AS WELL.

2. KORNIYENKO RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD READ ONLY EXCERPTS OF THE SPEECH, HE COULD NOT SAY THAT ALL PARTS HAD PLEASED HIM, AND FELT IN PARTICULAR THAT APPEALS TO THE ALLIES TO INCREASE COORDINATION OF CREDIT RATES IN EAST-WEST TRADE MIGHT HAVE A DISCRIMINATORY IMPLICATION, WHICH WAS NOT POSITIVE. BUT, HE CONCLUDED, HE WOULD READ THE FULL TEXT WITH INTEREST, TAKING MY REMARKS INTO ACCOUNT.

3. COMMENT. KORNIYENKO'S RESPONSE, SINGLING OUT AN ELEMENT WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY APPEAL TO THE SOVIETS, WAS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MAN.
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